



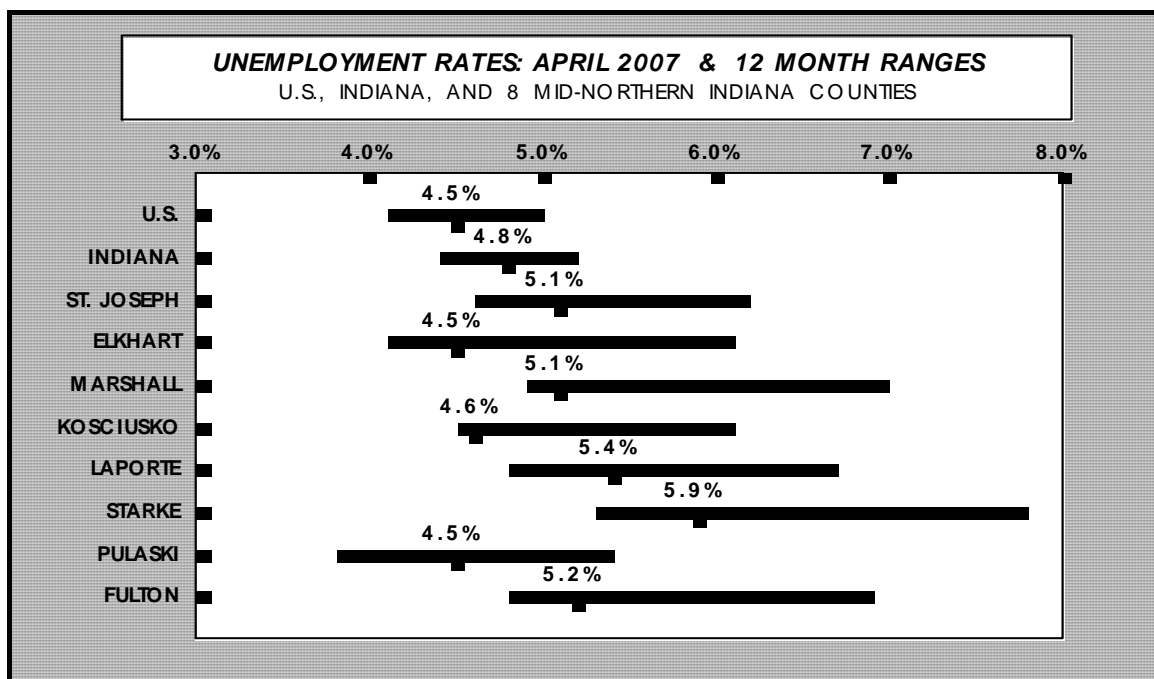
## Labor Market Review

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MID-NORTHERN INDIANA EDITION

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES					LABOR FORCE TOTALS		
Area	Unemp Rate Apr 2007	Rank Hi-Lo 1to92	Unemp Rate Yr Ago	Apr 06 to Apr 07 (up/dn)	Total Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed
U.S.*	4.5%		4.7%	dn 0.2	151,829,000	145,297,000	6,532,000
Indiana*	4.8%		4.9%	dn 0.1	3,245,750	3,092,872	152,878
St. Joseph	5.1%	36	5.0%	up 0.1	134,931	128,015	6,916
Elkhart	4.5%	58	4.1%	up 0.4	103,018	98,425	4,593
Marshall	5.1%	33	5.1%	same	22,717	21,549	1,168
Kosciusko	4.6%	53	4.6%	same	41,598	39,676	1,922
LaPorte	5.4%	26	5.8%	dn 0.4	53,142	50,296	2,846
Starke	5.9%	14	6.7%	dn 0.8	10,409	9,794	615
Pulaski	4.5%	60	4.5%	same	6,725	6,423	302
Fulton	5.2%	30	5.1%	up 0.1	10,364	9,830	534

Notes: April 2007 data was released May 21, 2007. Data are estimates using federal procedures. Degree of accuracy varies. \* Seasonally adjusted - other rates are not adjusted. Data for ranges in the chart below have been updated and revised to the 2007 Benchmark. **The more recent U.S. unemployment rate for May 2007 was 4.5%, seasonally adjusted.**



### NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT IN INDIANA

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### NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES ELKHART-GOSHEN MSA (ELKHART COUNTY)

INDUSTRY	MAY 2007	APR 2007	MAY 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				APR 2007 TO MAY 2007		MAY 2006 TO MAY 2007	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>131,300</b>	<b>130,200</b>	<b>134,700</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-3,400</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>
Total Private Employment	121,500	120,500	125,700	1,000	0.8%	-4,200	-3.3%
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>66,800</b>	<b>66,400</b>	<b>71,100</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-4,300</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>
Natural Resources & Construction	4,900	4,600	4,800	300	6.5%	100	2.1%
Manufacturing	61,900	61,800	66,300	100	0.2%	-4,400	-6.6%
---Durable Goods	52,800	52,700	57,300	100	0.2%	-4,500	-7.9%
Transportation Equipment	31,200	31,200	33,900	0	0.0%	-2,700	-8.0%
Motor Veh Body/Trailers	24,800	24,800	27,500	0	0.0%	-2,700	-9.8%
Furniture & Related	4,000	3,900	4,200	100	2.6%	-200	-4.8%
<b>SERVICE PRODUCING</b>	<b>64,500</b>	<b>63,800</b>	<b>63,600</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
Private Service Providing	54,700	54,100	54,600	600	1.1%	100	0.2%
---Trade,Transportation, Utilities	19,100	18,900	19,100	200	1.1%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	7,100	7,000	7,000	100	1.4%	100	1.4%
Retail Trade	9,500	9,400	9,700	100	1.1%	-200	-2.1%
Transp/Warehousing/Utilities	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	0.0%	100	4.2%
---Information	800	800	800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Financial Activities	3,300	3,200	3,200	100	3.1%	100	3.1%
---Professional & Business	9,100	9,000	9,100	100	1.1%	0	0.0%
---Educational & Health	11,000	11,000	10,900	0	0.0%	100	0.9%
---Leisure & Hospitality	7,500	7,300	7,500	200	2.7%	0	0.0%
Food Svcs / Drinking Places	6,500	6,300	6,500	200	3.2%	0	0.0%
---Other Services	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	0.0%	-100	-2.5%
Government	9,800	9,700	9,000	100	1.0%	800	8.9%
---Federal Government	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Local Government	9,200	9,100	8,400	100	1.1%	800	9.5%
Education	6,400	6,400	5,800	0	0.0%	600	10.3%

-- EMPLOYMENT DATA ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST HUNDRED AND THUS MAY NOT ADD TO THE TOTAL SHOWN

-- MSA - METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (ELKHART-GOSHEN MSA = ELKHART COUNTY)

**NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT IN INDIANA**

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**NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES****SOUTH BEND - MISHAWAKA MSA\***

INDUSTRY	MAY 2007	APR 2007	MAY 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				APR 2007 TO MAY 2007		MAY 2006 TO MAY 2007	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>145,500</b>	<b>145,100</b>	<b>143,900</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
Total Private Employment	127,900	127,500	126,600	400	0.3%	1,300	1.0%
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>27,600</b>	<b>27,300</b>	<b>27,100</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
Natural Resources & Construction	6,600	6,400	6,400	200	3.1%	200	3.1%
Manufacturing	21,000	20,900	20,700	100	0.5%	300	1.4%
Transportation Equipment	5,900	5,800	6,000	100	1.7%	-100	-1.7%
<b>SERVICE PRODUCING</b>	<b>117,900</b>	<b>117,800</b>	<b>116,800</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Private Service Providing	100,300	100,200	99,500	100	0.1%	800	0.8%
---Trade,Transportation, Utilities	29,100	28,900	28,500	200	0.7%	600	2.1%
Wholesale Trade	8,000	7,900	7,800	100	1.3%	200	2.6%
Retail Trade	16,300	16,200	16,200	100	0.6%	100	0.6%
General Merch Stores	3,400	3,400	3,600	0	0.0%	-200	-5.6%
Transp/Warehousing/Utilities	4,800	4,800	4,500	0	0.0%	300	6.7%
---Information	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Financial Activities	7,300	7,200	7,300	100	1.4%	0	0.0%
---Professional & Business	12,700	12,600	12,900	100	0.8%	-200	-1.6%
---Educational & Health	30,700	31,400	30,400	-700	-2.2%	300	1.0%
Hospitals	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---Leisure & Hospitality	12,700	12,300	12,500	400	3.3%	200	1.6%
Food Svcs / Drinking Places	10,200	9,900	10,000	300	3.0%	200	2.0%
---Other Services	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	0.0%	-100	-1.8%
Government	17,600	17,600	17,300	0	0.0%	300	1.7%
---Federal Government	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
---State Government	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	0.0%	100	4.2%
---Local Government	13,900	13,900	13,700	0	0.0%	200	1.5%

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## **2006 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

The highest paying occupations in the U.S. in 2006 included physician specialists, chief executives, dentists, airline pilots, lawyers, air traffic controllers, and engineering managers, according to data from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), U.S. Department of Labor. The lowest paying occupations included combined food preparation and serving workers, fast food cooks, and dishwashers. Occupations with the highest employment included retail salespersons, cashiers, general office clerks, combined food preparation and serving workers, and registered nurses.

### ***Employment and wages by industry sector***

Management was the highest paying occupational group, with a mean hourly wage of \$44.20, followed by legal occupations at \$41.04. Food preparation and serving related occupations; farming, fishing, and forestry occupations; and building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations were among the lowest paying occupational groups.

Mining; utilities; manufacturing; finance and insurance; and professional, scientific, and technical services were among the highest paying industries for several occupational groups. Other industries were high paying for occupations directly related to their output. For example, the healthcare and social assistance industry paid high wages to healthcare practitioner and technical workers, but not to most other occupational groups.

Some occupational groups were widely distributed across industries. For example, office and administrative support workers not only had the highest total employment of any occupational group, but were found in large numbers in many industries. Other occupations were concentrated in specific industries, where they made up a high proportion of industry employment. Of the 7.6 million workers employed in the construction sector, 67 percent were employed in construction and extraction occupations. Manufacturing employed nearly 14.2 million workers with 53 percent employed in production occupations. Of the 12.3 million workers in the education sector, 59 percent were in education, training, and library occupations. Finally, the healthcare sector employed nearly 15.6 million workers with 33 percent employed in the healthcare practitioner and technical occupations and 19 percent in healthcare support occupations.

### ***Registered nurses as an example***

Registered nurses with total employment of over 2.4 million workers, was one of the largest occupations in the workforce as a whole. In addition, with a mean hourly wage of \$28.71, this was among the highest paying large occupations. Nearly 57 percent of registered nurses worked in general medical and surgical hospitals, where their wages averaged \$29.31 per hour. Offices of physicians, nursing care facilities, home health care services, and employment services (including temporary help services) were among the other major employers of registered nurses. The highest paying of these industries was employment services with a mean hourly wage of \$31.36.

Not only were general medical and surgical hospitals the largest employer of registered nurses, registered nurses was also the largest occupation in this industry, representing 28 percent of industry employment. Other large occupations in this industry included nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants; licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses; maids and housekeeping cleaners; and radiologic technologists and technicians.

### ***Regional variations***

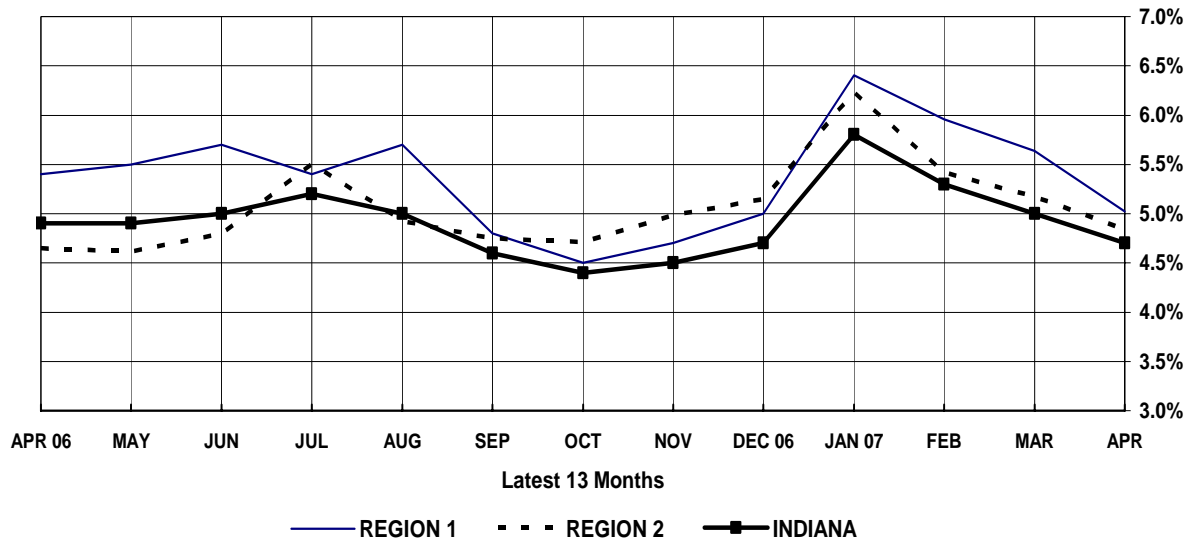
In a group of selected occupations, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Washington were frequently among the higher paying states, although there were variations by occupation. Alaska and Hawaii, although significantly smaller in terms of employment than the states listed above, were also among the highest paying states for several of the occupations.

Lower paying states for several of the selected occupations include the Dakotas, Kentucky, Montana, West Virginia, Wyoming, and several southern states.

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## REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES\*

Region 1, Region 2, & Indiana



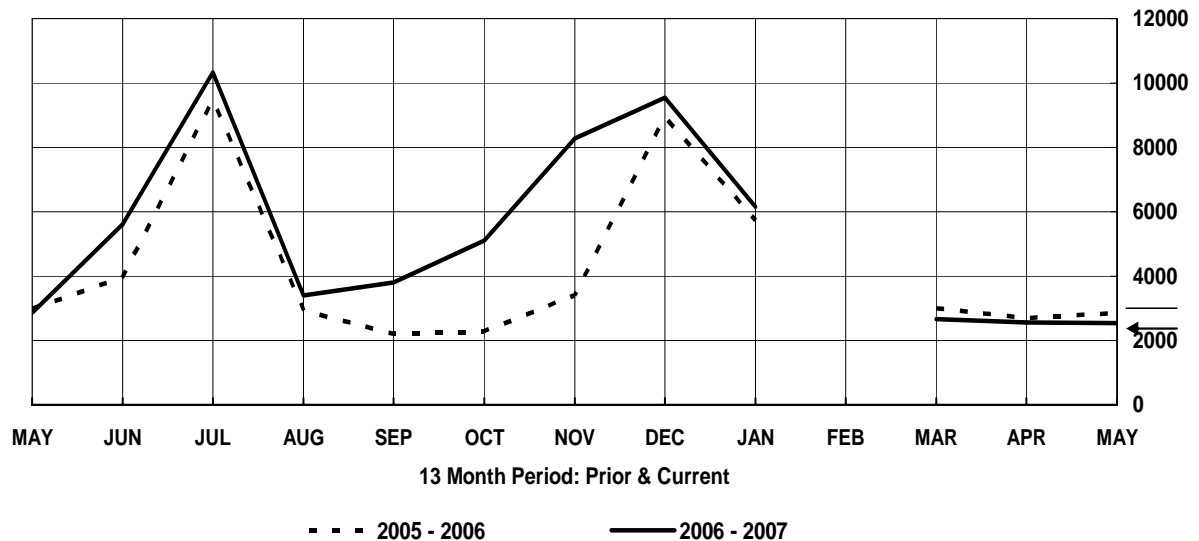
\* Unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted

Notes: Region 1 consists of Indiana Counties Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke, & Pulaski

Region 2 consists of Indiana Counties St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Kosciusko, & Fulton

## INITIAL CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Region 2 Unemployment Benefit Offices



Note: February data is not available.

Region 2 unemployment benefits offices are in the cities of South Bend and Elkhart

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